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The following, containing neither new matter within the meaning of applicable law nor additional subject matter not of record, but rather, comprising only subject matter from the original specification, is proffered herewith pursuant to 37 CFR1.125(b) a Substitute Specification excluding claims.

## **STRAP INTERCONNECTION ADJUSTING ASSEMBLY**

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Exercise equipment

DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIOR ART

Occasionally a descriptive term in this application may be shortened so as to recite only a part rather than the entirety thereof as a matter of convenience or to avoid needless redundancy. In instances in which that is done, applicant intends that the same meaning be afforded each manner of expression. Thus, the term door-mounting loop securing means (104) might be used in one instance but in another, if meaning is otherwise clear from context, expression might be shortened to loop securing means (104) or merely